



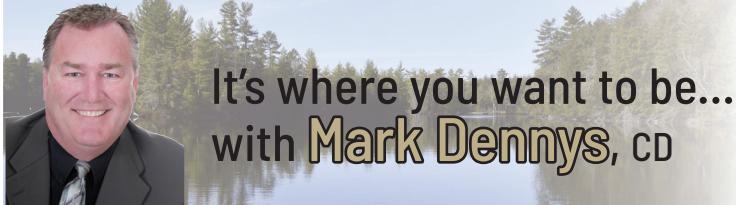
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Teachers continue job action with second strike

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

As colleagues walked back and forth in front of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, carrying flags and picket signs during the second one-day strike in two weeks, their collective bargaining representative for OSSTF - Haliburton Jason Morissette spoke about negotiations between the provincial government and the teachers' union.

"We're here because we truly are
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High school teachers walk along the sidewalk, steps from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School during the one-day strike on Wednesday, Dec. 11 in Haliburton. Nearly 40 teachers were out on the picket line, joined by CUPE members at lunch hour. /DARREN LUM Staff

Proposed Centre Lake subdivision in Highlands East one step closer

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council is supporting the lifting and conveyance of a 200-foot,

Crown-owned reserve around the circumference of Centre Lake, which would potentially allow for a subdivision to be constructed on a 1,000-acre property abutting the lake.

As the municipality's planning consultant Chris Jones explained to councillors

during a Dec. 10 meeting, back during the mining era, the provincial government established 200-foot buffers around lakes in areas where mining was taking place, as a form of shoreline protection.

"What the Crown did was hold back 200 feet off this lake, and I'm sure others,"

Jones said, noting that while the minerals are still there, mining activities have long since ceased.

The abutting property owner would like to proceed with a subdivision application on the property, however, would see SUBDIVISION page 2

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'Extreme changes' proposed, teacher says

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fighting to protect, honestly, our students and the quality of education and the accessibility to it. Imagine being a special needs student and you're forced to do online learning. It's a devastating proposal and to cut your services for a lot of the most vulnerable kids in our community. What will happen to the system? Graduation rates? Test scores? All of these things," he said.

Close to 40 HHSS teachers and teachers from the neighbouring Adult and Alternate Education Centre marched from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Organized into two groups, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, the members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation marched the picket line. The group was also joined by CUPE members such as education assistants during their lunch hour.

Major points of contention include class sizes, e-learning, layoffs and compensation. There hasn't been a contract since August.

Morissette said he wants the public to examine the facts, talk to teachers and learn about them and what they are standing up for, which is not just for themselves, but for the students and quality education.

With a retired HHSS teacher for a father, three children attending Haliburton public schools, and being a HHSS graduate himself, Morissette is a passionate proponent of the public education system.

"I call it one of the greatest equalizers in

society. There's a lot of people that come from different circumstances and because they get access to a quality public education system [they are afforded opportunities]," he said. "All these kids here are all in here together. Whatever your background is, wherever you come from ... It really builds for a strong, strengthened education opportunity and experience, but it also builds for a strong community. You get to know every walk of life. That's why I love working every day."

He said he's never experienced this kind of strike action before.

"I've never done this. I've never been on strike while on the picket line. It hasn't happened since 1997," he said.

As a teacher's son, he learned about the time and effort a teacher puts in outside of school hours.

Morissette said he spent many hours travelling with students, riding school buses for field trips, academics or sports. He acknowledges he and other teachers benefit as much as the students from these experiences, but points out many extracurriculars are made possible because of the involvement and passion of teachers.

"I'm talking about all kinds of things that we do because it's good for kids, it's good for us and our spirit, but, again, if you demoralize the profession, if you demoralize and don't value a public education system that's very successful, and you're saying, it isn't. Then you're saying you want to make extreme changes to a system that you think is broken. By all measure of the data, just look at the facts, it's a very successful system. It's been very successful for many, many decades.

Many years," he said.

Four teachers' unions are filing a court challenge against the provincial government over Bill 124, the Protecting Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act. Unions said this bill caps all public sector salary increases to one per cent annually for the next three years. They contend this violates their charter rights.

Morissette was angered by this government action.

"You can't legislate. That's not a good start. For anything, anybody. I don't care, if it's the teachers, or anybody. In society, a good relationship is built upon mutual respect. I don't think legislating is showing any sign of respect towards our profession or the system, the students and their needs," he said.

Responding to OSSTF job action, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce released a statement: "OSSTF union leadership have made clear that they will continue to take

job action – which hurts students most – unless taxpayers accept their demand of \$7 billion in enhancements to salaries, benefits, and other entitlements.

"If there were any question that this wasn't about salary, those doubts were put to bed when the four teacher unions launched their challenge to legislation that deals with compensation increases for the public service.

"We have made a reasonable offer on compensation – a \$750 million increase in compensation for the second highest paid educators in the country.

"We are calling on OSSTF to cease from continued job action, accept our offer of private mediation, stay at the table, and focus on improving learning in the classroom, not enhancing compensation for their members."

Morissette said OSSTF will give five days notice before another walkout.

"I hope people understand," he said.

Man dies after truck breaks through ice

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Fire truck rollover

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt posted a statement on social media on Dec. 15, noting that firefighters from Station 80 in Stanhope responded to the accident and that, "during the course of that call one of our fire trucks, with four firefighters on board, experienced difficulties in the challenging weather conditions, slid off the road and rolled over."

Moffatt said all four firefighters were attended to at hospital. "One firefighter required further treatment and is resting at home," she wrote. "No one else was seriously injured."

Moffatt thanked volunteer firefighters, calling them "one of our greatest assets," and responded to news of the death by saying "Our thoughts are with the family of the man who perished in the initial ice and water call; calls like these are heart-breaking and affect a wide range of folks and families in a small community."

The man was recovered from the truck by Algonquin Highlands Fire Department – Ice Rescue with assistance from Dysart et al fire department, and taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Constable Sean Hawley with Haliburton Highlands OPP told the Echo OPP stresses it is early in the season to be out on the ice, and that "no ice is safe ice."

Subdivision could bring economic benefit to Highlands East

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require the conveyance of that buffer from the provincial government for that application to proceed. Because of the buffer, the lake is essentially undeveloped.

As Jones explained, the applicant was looking for a resolution from council in support of that conveyance, and also, as a requirement of the province's process, indication that development on the property would result in positive economic development for Highlands East. It's estimated the proposed subdivision would generate \$100,000 a year in property taxes.

"To put it in perspective, Centre Lake has been waiting in the dugout for their chance at bat," said John Ariens, planning consultant for the property owner. As Ariens explained, a previous attempt

to have the Crown reserve conveyed was unsuccessful, in light of a public access point to the lake located within it. Ariens said part of the plan for the proposed subdivision included an upgrading of that public access.

"It's an integral part of the redevelopment of Centre Lake," he said.

As part of the provincial process, the applicant will also consult with the local First Nations community, and have an environmental assessment performed.

Council was supportive, passing resolution in favour and declaring that the proposed subdivision would provide economic benefit to the community. The subdivision proposal itself, should it proceed, would come before council and be subject to the municipality's regular planning process.


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Davis left Haliburton County 'a better place'

JENN WATT

Editor

Friends and family are remembering Bill Davis for his caring nature, love of family and commitment to the betterment of Haliburton County. The former municipal politician spent 29 years serving the community before retiring in 2014 and during that time built a reputation for coming through for constituents. He died on Saturday, Nov. 30 in his 78th year.

His daughter Sherry Mulholland said she remembered scrutinizing him on his first election, when he ran to become deputy reeve of Dysart et al. He had already served on several committees before deciding to run and had a long-standing interest in politics.

"As long as I can remember he's had his finger in politics, whether it was helping somebody stuff envelopes, put up signs, [or] campaign even before he became involved directly," she said in an interview last week.

It was the opportunity to help people that led him to run for office and to continue year after year. Mulholland said he was unswayed by social status and gave everyone equal attention.

"Because he started with nothing, he had a real soft spot to help people. No matter [whether they were] rich or poor, he could have cared less. He just liked to help people," she said.

Davis was born in Haliburton and was raised by his grandparents. He didn't have much material wealth growing up and didn't know that he had a brother until about 1989. When he met Freda and they started a family of their own, welcoming Ed, Sherry and Charlene into the world, Mulholland said he concentrated his love and attention on them.

"He didn't have much family, so what he had meant the world to him," she said.

At his funeral on Dec. 11, his grandchildren told the attendees about their fond memories of being taken on car rides around the county and going to the coffee shop, enjoying doughnuts together while their grandpa chatted with all the people he knew.

Davis's easy way with people meant that he seemed to always know someone no matter where he went.

Bob English, who worked with Davis when they were both paramedics for Dysart et al prior to Davis's political career, said they would joke about how many people he knew.

"One of the things I remember about Bill was ... he was so personable and friendly and wanted to get to know people. We would be on the ambulance call – didn't matter if it was the back side of Harcourt Park, or the top end of Kennisis Lake or we were in Oshawa on a transfer or Toronto – we would always run into someone who knew Bill. It was uncanny," English said. "He either knew them through his political career, or prior to that he knew them from when he lived in Oshawa. He may have coached their kids in baseball or hockey ... he just seemed to know people. It didn't matter where we went. It was kind of a standing joke that whoever was partners with Bill ... who did you run into today that Bill knew?"

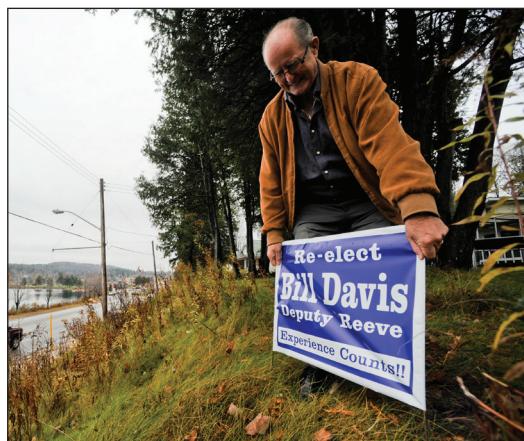
After growing up in Haliburton, Davis moved to Oshawa where he worked for General Motors before returning back to the Highlands where he worked several jobs over the years including selling real estate, opening a Color Your World store, working as an ambulance attendant and



Bill Davis represented Haliburton County as warden in 2004. He was in municipal politics for 29 years, most of the time as deputy reeve of Dysart et al. /File photo



Bill and Freda, seen here on Sherry Mulholland's wedding day: Aug. 31, 1985. /Photo courtesy of Sherry Mulholland



Bill Davis removes his campaign signs after being re-elected as deputy reeve in the 2010 municipal election. He died on Nov. 30, 2019 in his 78th year. Davis is being remembered in the community as a kind hearted person, always trying to help his neighbours. / DARREN LUM Staff

becoming an ambulance dispatcher for the Ministry of Health.

"Bill picked up cars for many years for Curry Motors," former Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said during his speech at Davis's funeral. "I am sure part of this job was the enjoyment he had driving the many shiny new vehicles. You could see the grin on his face when he would wheel into the municipal office on his way to or from a pickup."

"Bill became a paramedic for Haliburton County emergency services and ended his working career dispatching ambulance. Some of you may remember Bill and his caffeine high. He always seemed to have a coffee in his hand and buzzing from here to there, but as an ambulance dispatcher he was the best. He was steady and thorough and calmed people to give him the information he needed to help. I am sure some of you in this room experienced the care and help he gave to people – sometimes in bad situations," Fearrey said.

English said that being helpful was one of the things he remembers most about Davis.

"He was always one who was wanting to help, whether it was through the ambulance or through his career on municipal council or county council and I think that those thoughts have been echoed by other people ... that's genuinely the guy that he was," English said.

Davis saw his role on council as one of transparency, making sure that people knew what was happening and he would go to great lengths to ensure he got the answers they needed, Mulholland said.

"Whenever someone asked him something and he didn't know, he told them he would get them an answer, [it] might not be the answer they wanted, but he

would get an answer," she said.

Davis also loved to fish and would take Mulholland's son out on the water every weekend.

"That's what my son posted on Facebook, if he could have one more cast with Grandpa. That made me cry," she said.

Many decades ago, Davis was out fishing with his son, Ed, on Redstone Lake when they came upon four local fishermen whose boat had overturned.

"My brother was eight or 10. Quite young," Mulholland said. "... my dad and Ed could hear them yelling for help, so they got over there in time that they were able to save three local guys. Unfortunately one was under the boat and they couldn't get him out and my brother was devastated. My dad too. It was the first night, the only night, that my dad let my brother have a little sip of whiskey. It was

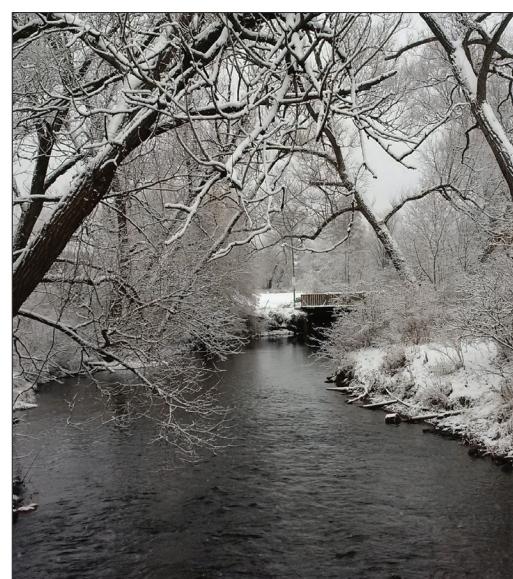
not good."

One of the survivors of that night wrote a note to Mulholland's family that he had never forgotten that Davis saved his life.

Patrick O'Reilly, deputy mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes, served on a housing committee with Davis and they became friends. He said he saw the impact Davis made.

"I think the ... common theme that I always found with Bill – he had a big heart and he always put his family and community first," he said.

Fearrey said Davis will be remembered for his strength of character. "Bill, you will be remembered for the character you brought to the political arena. In your time in office you impacted this community in a special way. Rest well, my friend. You did make Haliburton a better place."



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and Staff

Birders aflutter over varied thrush visitor

JENN WATT

Editor

A bird rare to Ontario is creating a flap at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre as a steady migration of birders make their way to check out the varied thrush that has taken up residence outside the office.

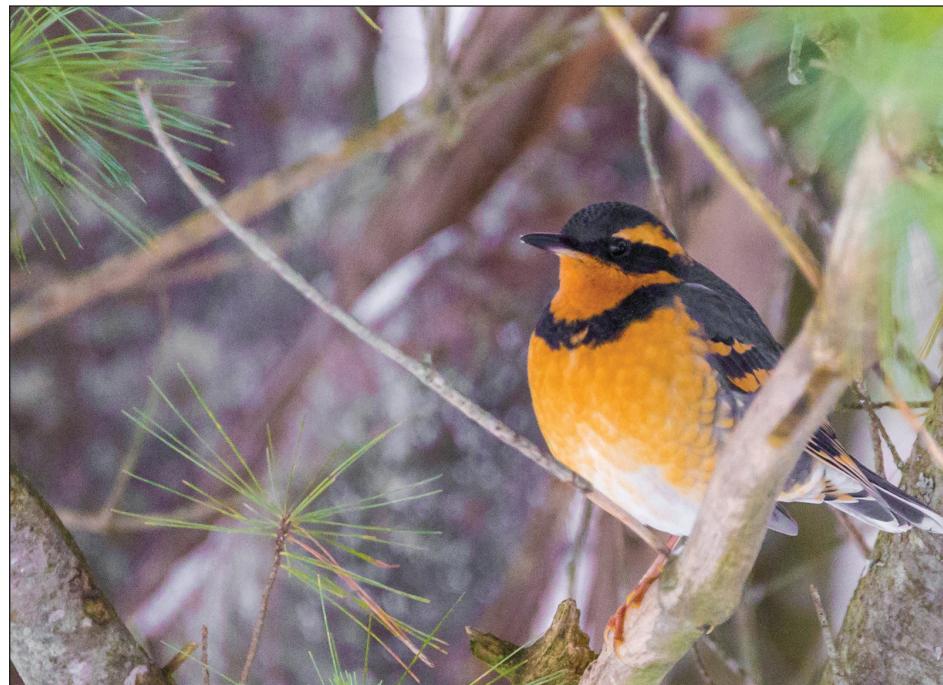
Program manager Joe Fortin said at first staff didn't know they had anything special coming to the feeder, but wondered about the bird that looked a bit like a robin and an oriole.

"We eventually reached out to a Facebook community called Ontario Birds with a really bad, blurry photo and quite quickly one of them replied back with yes, that's a varied thrush. Then the floodgates were open and folks [were] commenting," he said. "Once we had a name and a confirmed ID we were able to do a little legwork using the All About Birds website from Cornell University. We found out this isn't a typical bird you'd find in northeastern North America."

The varied thrush, a songbird with bright orange breast, blue-grey back with orange stripes over the eyes, is typically found on the west coast of North America.

"Varied thrushes hop on the ground or low in shrubs and trees," the All About Birds website says. "They eat mainly insects and other arthropods in the summer and switch to nuts and fruit in fall and winter. On breeding territories, male varied thrushes sit on exposed perches to sing their haunting, trilling songs."

Local birder Ed Poropat happened to be at Bark Lake Leadership and Confer-



A vibrantly coloured varied thrush sits in a tree outside Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre in Irondale. The rare bird made its way to Haliburton County from the Pacific coast and has been attracting dozens of birders to see it. /Photo by Joe Fortin

ence Centre when the songbird was spotted and has been back a few times since.

"I think of it as a west coast rainforest bird, preferring damp, coniferous mountain slopes. It is a bit of a wanderer in the fall and winter, though, and they show up almost every year in Ontario, even as far as [Newfoundland]," he wrote in an email to the Echo. "Usually only one or two, but who really knows! As far as rarity goes, it is certainly a bird that draws much attention in the east, since only a few seem to

be found each year. They will visit feeders for fallen seed, although they are normally berry and insect eaters. I suspect there have been well over 100 people from all over the province to see the one at Bark Lake."

On a weekend earlier this month, Fortin estimates between one and two dozen birders showed up with their professional camera equipment to see the varied thrush. He enjoyed meeting the community of bird enthusiasts, who were

cognizant of the bird's space and took the opportunity to visit with each other.

"It's such an amazing community. The birders that have been coming up have been so respectful, keeping their distance," he said. "Last weekend we had a couple of young folks, maybe 10 or 12 years old, a random birder [let] them use their multi-thousand-dollar scope to look at this bird up close from a safe distance."

Although the varied thrush is used to warmer climates, Poropat said it will be fine as long as it has food to eat.

"It can survive here, as long as there is food present. If not, it will simply move on in search of better areas to feed," he said.

Prior to this year, there had been one varied thrush spotting reported in Haliburton County, several years ago in West Guilford. However, this year there has actually been a second varied thrush in the county.

Following the publication of Poropat's article in *County Life* about the planned Minden Christmas Bird Count, he received an email from a man in Miner's Bay saying he saw a male varied thrush at his feeder. It appeared again during the bird count on Dec. 14 – "a first for Minden [Christmas Bird Count]!" Poropat said.

Fortin said the Bark Lake staff intend to keep the food plentiful all winter long and hopes the bird stays put until spring.

"I would hope that as long as we keep the feeder stocked and keep it fed and make it feel safe here, it will make it through the winter," he said, "and then hopefully find its way back out west with tales of the awesome time it had in the Haliburton area."

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HE endorses service delivery review

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Staff Reporter

Highlands East council is supporting the service delivery and governance review the County of Haliburton is having performed, making it the fourth and final of the county's four lower-tier municipalities to do so.

Councillors were visited by County Warden Liz Daniels and the county's chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, who explained the process.

The study will look at the delivery of services, in particular, which tier is best suited to deliver which service, opportunities for consolidation of services, etc., and may also lead to recommendations to change the local governance structure itself, such as the possibility of an amalgamated, single-tier government.

Initially, it was thought that report would be completed by next fall. However, new municipal modernization funding the province has made available is a perfect

fit for the project. A caveat is that in order to qualify for that funding, the study must now be completed by June.

Rutter has estimated the process will cost \$150,000, but has added on a number of occasions this estimate may be conservative. The upper tier of the county would fund half the cost, each of its lower tiers at 12.5 per cent, although a successful grant application for modernization funding would mean costs borne by the province.

Council supported the review and paying its share.

"It's something that needs to be done for the benefit of all people in Haliburton," said Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall.

Moose FM Radiothon sets new record

Haliburton County food banks are getting an infusion of money thanks to the record collection of funds from Moose FM's annual Christmas Radiothon held from Dec. 5 to 6.

With \$33,800 raised this year, the community broke its previous record, according to Moose FM announcer Rick Lowes. Lowes said this year's record amount was a few hundred more than the previous record set last year.

Lowes wasn't sure what is specifically attributed to the record setting total other than possibly greater awareness, but said the station is appreciative of the community's support.

"Moose FM is extremely grateful for the generosity of our listeners and their support for the food banks of Haliburton County," he wrote in an email.

Donations were made in person with cash or cheque, and also by phoning.



Collecting for a cause

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Paul Klose holds a sample of items collected on Dec. 4 during the one-day strike by OSSTF members. The items will supplement what's been collected by the HHSS Rotary Interact Club. Klose said it was important to the teachers to use the time while out on the picket line to give back. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Season's Greetings

THE WARM, sweet smell of apple cider. The anticipation of a new toy. Singing along with holiday tunes on the car ride home. Saving up to give something special to a loved one. Hanging glowing strings of lights to brighten the neighbourhood. Walking through the magical silence of the woods, covered in a blanket of white. Whispering your heart's desire to Santa. Spending the day in your PJs with your family all around.

The holidays hold deep, personal meaning for many of us and are loaded with memories from a time of year set aside to show appreciation for one another, to be kind, to reach out to those needing a hand, and to celebrate – one's faith, one's family, or just the great privilege of being alive.

In this year's *Season's Greetings* section, there are many perspectives on the Christmas tradition, from the sanctity of the natural world to the pleasure of dressing up in whimsical wear. There's a story of a child in wartime London, wishing for a toy in a country under siege. There's another about one woman's love of decorating Christmas trees. Belinda Gallagher writes about



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Editorial

the Proust Effect – how you can be transported back in time by a whiff of peppermint or a dash of nutmeg on your eggnog.

And then there are the kids' letters and artwork, reminding all of us of the nearly uncontrollable excitement Dec. 25 can bring.

Although this time of year is hectic, it's always enjoyable to read through the stories in *Season's Greetings* because of how many facets there are to the holidays. It's a time for kids, of course, and a time to get together with family. It's also a time to think back to all of the wonderful seasons of your life. Remember that time you made a snowman with your siblings on Box-

ing Day when there was nothing else to do, no deadlines or worries. Remember the tray of cookies delivered with a smile by the kind neighbour down the road. Remember how sure you were that you could hear reindeer hooves tapping lightly on the roof as you sat in the darkness, wide-eyed with anticipation.

Now we get to make new memories. Find new ways to do kind things for others. Look to make someone's eyes light up with joy. It's a lovely time of year. Season's greetings.



by Darren Lum

Our greatest gifts

IT IS THAT time of the year that we are all merrily planning our festive celebrations with our friends and loved ones. It sounds cliché but the people in our lives are our greatest gifts. So please relax and enjoy this special time of the year. Time passes so quickly and before we know it we will be ringing in a new decade. Be kind to one another and share in the wonder of the season.

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Our Women's Shopping Night on Dec. 5 was a great success. Hundreds of women, and some men, joined in for the great bargains. The Warming Centre in front of the Village Barn was a very busy place. Thanks to the BMO hospitality team for the free hot chocolate and handing out the free shopping bags. The five lucky winners of the \$100 Foodland gift cards, drawn from the completed shopping passports, were excited to get the news of their win. Thank you to everyone who came out and cashed in on some great savings so generously offered by our amazing retailers.

BIA in



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The village

The recent snow has helped to make Downtown Haliburton a winter wonderland. Take a stroll or drive down Highland Street and have a look at the fabulous window decorations. The creativity of the group from The Kosy Korner is admirable. The use of colour in The Maple Tap & Grill is outstanding. And how about the great outdoor decorations in front of the Hudson Henderson Insurance office. These are just a few of the festive decorations that you can enjoy. Please come on down for a coffee, or lunch, and get into the Christmas spirit.

A special welcome to our out-of-town visitors. Maybe you are home visiting family and friends, or taking in some great skiing at Sir Sam's, or are here on a snowmobile day trip. Whatever brings you to Downtown Haliburton we are happy to see you.

As we look to 2020, we invite your suggestions and feedback to help make Downtown Haliburton even more vibrant. What events or promotions do you think would be fun? What promotions would you like to see again or expanded? Your ideas and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to haliburtonbia@mail.com.

For everything that we have, let's be grateful, and celebrate the holidays and the new decade of 2020 with optimism and big dreams. Celebrate responsibly and safely, and enjoy the goodness that surrounds you each and every day. Cheers to a great 2020!

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points of view

Brow beaten

WELL-MEANING people will often tell you that honesty is the best policy, but I'm starting to believe that this might not be true. Sometimes, I think it would be better if people just lied to me.

Take for instance, late last week at dinner, when I made an effort to engage Jenn in a meaningful, intellectual conversation.

"Do you think I have strong eyebrows?" I asked.

Jenn, one of those people who firmly believe in honesty, replied, "No. In fact, you have very weak eyebrows."

And there it was – the painful truth.

"Yes, I have weak eyebrows," I confessed, "but only because I lost part of one in a terrible racing accident."

"You were a race car driver?" she asked, trying to skirt the uncomfortable issue of my disability.

I then went on to tell her about that horrible day, some 51 years ago when my brother and I were racing in the Galea 500 to determine who the best race car driver of all time was. The course, as some of you might recall, was a challenging circuit that ran through the living room, dining room, hallway and kitchen of our old house. It was tricky driving since you needed

to pretend to have both hands on a steering wheel as you ran at full speed and made noises that imitated a race car engine, gear shifting and/or screeching brakes when appropriate.

Despite the fact that there was no fiery explosion, I remember the accident well. We were into the hairpin turn in the living room when my socks hit, what I presume was either an oil patch or a slippery section of hardwood floor, and lost control.

I then skidded, right eyebrow first, into the corner of our coffee table. This might not sound horrifying now, but this was in the 1960s

when furniture served three purposes – to be stylish, to be comfortable and to maim children.

I remember my mom freaking out and my brother saying, "Cool. Blood!"

Less than an hour later, a crack medical team gave me my first four stitches. Try as they might, they could not save my eyebrow.

Jenn was obviously touched by the tale as evidenced by her next sentence.

"Interesting, now how about passing me the soya sauce?"

I did as requested, yet I also could not help but wonder what life might have been like had I lived it with a fully functioning pair of eyebrows. Clearly, ladies would have found me irresistible – for what woman does not love running her fingers through a bushy pair of eyebrows? Yes, I might have also modeled for optometry ads – for a great pair of eyebrows framing these lemur-like eyes would have made that a shoe-in. Then, I remembered the lost opportunity that haunted me most.

"I could have been a wizard," I finally muttered.

"What?" Jenn said.

"You can't be a wizard without a big, bushy pair of eyebrows!" I declared. "It's one of those unwritten rules. Don't act like it's untrue."

"OK, sure," she replied. "What's for dessert?"

I then pointed to my eyebrows, lowered my head in defeat and addressed the elephant in the room, "I think we both know I'd be laughed right out of any respectable wizard's council because of these, right? It doesn't even matter that I have great natural wizarding abilities."

And, as if to prove it, when I raised my head Jenn had disappeared.

Since that conversation, I have come to realize that life goes on, even for those of us who are eyebrow challenged. Sure, had things gone differently, I could have been a great wizard with a pointy hat, white cloak, tall tower and really cool staff.

But I have also finally come to grips with this being kind of a silly thing to say. I mean, had that accident never happened, I would have probably chosen a career in racing.



Loon Tales

steve
galea



pic of the past

On Nov. 24, 1976 this was the front page photo of the *Haliburton County Echo*. The Haliburton Beaconsfield Midgets opened up on Little Britain and came up with a 17-3 win in the game played the previous Saturday night at the Dysart Arena. The big guns for the Midgets were Rod Consack and Bernie Nicholls with 10 points each.

letters to the editor

Context to teachers' wage request

To the Editor,

A bus driver in Vancouver earns \$68,000, and in Ottawa \$74,000 with full benefits and pension plan, after two years of employment, with a very basic educational requirement.

A teacher on Trillium Lakelands District School Board's pay grid earns \$44,662 to start, and after 10 years can earn a maximum of \$73,000.

More is earned by taking intensive professional development courses after the mandatory four or five years of post secondary education. The highest figure on the pay grid in 2019 is \$100,034, which requires 11 years of teaching experience, and all the required courses. In 2011, this figure was \$92,810, the annual increase therefore has been at one per cent for the last nine years.

A teacher is required to work overtime hours every week on lesson plans, meetings, extracurricular activities, duty lunches, coaching and summer school. If a bus driver in Ottawa worked five hours overtime weekly, he would expect to make over \$100,000, as did 85 last year according to pay records. Otherwise, he can expect to retire full pension at age 52.

An OPP officer that starts at \$68,000 goes to \$98,000 after 3 1/2 years. Grade 12 or equivalent is required. Moving expenses are paid, a generous

pension – vacation – benefit package is included, and 130 sick days a year are allowed. Any officer working one extra shift per month would make around \$103,000. Last year a contract for a two per cent increase each year for the next three years was signed.

All of the above information can be found in less than one hour on the employers' own public websites. I became tired of seeing random and misleading salary comparisons, so I looked it up.

Unless a teacher marries an OPP officer right out of high school, a comparison of a teacher's debt after five years of post secondary education to the earnings of a bus driver or police officer reveals a starting deficit of over \$500,000. The interest from an investment of this size would provide an additional lifetime income of perhaps \$20,000 annually.

Many news sources have editorialized against teachers. It remains a question unanswered why the "news" don't exercise their civic duty and "teach" us to become just as angry, or angrier, at the greed of other professions, or even police and bus drivers.

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Volunteers needed for upcoming SIRCH Repair Cafés

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The public is invited to learn, share skills, enjoy fellowship and have fun at the first Repair Café, facilitated by SIRCH Community Services.

The free community event on Jan. 25 will be the first of six Repair Cafés held from this coming January to August.

"Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country on earth. Each Canadian generates approximately 2.7 kilograms of garbage each day," a press release from SIRCH reads. "Communities across the country – including Haliburton County – struggle with an increasing amount of residential waste that ends up in local landfills. SIRCH's Repair Cafés are a vital way to help reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of by giving household items a new life thanks to volunteer fixers."

SIRCH's Repair Café co-ordinator Chris Varga said this initiative is just the beginning.

After seven years, the repair cafés held in Toronto have started to see an evolution. The people who were bringing things in for repair and in need of help are now the ones returning to share their skills to help others, he said.

"They were inspired by that. The whole idea of the repair café concept is really to invigorate – not just have a series of events – but reinvigorate society [toward] fixing, the concept of fixing," he said.

The residual benefit is diverting items destined for the landfill to be given new life. Rather than lamenting what can't be done, this concept encourages positive change.

"When I saw this opportunity show up, it was exactly that: an opportunity for hope. Something that I could actually feel like I was doing something positive with because in today's world ... there's a dark cloud over everything," he said.

Varga said this could be one of many ways to affect change and provide hope. The most important aspect of the concept is that it's enjoyable, he said. Generally, people don't like to do things they have to or feel shamed into doing.

The event offers opportunities for a range of people with different backgrounds.

"Some people are there because they want to save the world. And some people are there because they love tinkering and fixing. And some people are there because they have an affection for old belongings. It's quite interesting," he said.

He remembers the energy and camaraderie he saw when at a repair café in Toronto, with people cheering at the sound of the bell, which indicated repairs were complete. He also saw tears shed for items with sentimental value that couldn't be saved.

Varga said he's been passionate about repairing things ever since he was a child when he used to go to the dump to find bike parts being thrown away. It was due in part to necessity since he didn't have a lot of money for new parts, but it was also, "Hey, look what I can do."

Although there have been volunteers who have already committed to either be a fixer or an upcycler using articles in a different way at the repair cafés, Varga said more people are welcome and needed for the year.

"We're looking for anybody who can fix or upcycle right now. We have started generating a list. I'm very pleased a lot of people have jumped aboard, but we need



SIRCH Community Service's Repair Café co-ordinator Chris Varga displays an assortment of electronics that could likely be repaired at the upcoming Repair Café on Jan. 25 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the event offers something for everyone, whether it's receiving help with a repair, learning how to repair, or interacting with people passionate about diverting items from the landfill. The coming event is the first of six Repair Cafés./DARREN LUM Staff

more because we're going to have a series of six events. If we had 10 people maybe those 10 people couldn't go to each and every event," he said.

"We want to have this to go beyond the borders of our little cafés. We want to develop a community and connect people," he said. "I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to do this. There's many people who deserve thanks over myself."

He acknowledged SIRCH for their part in supporting this effort, but also credited the inspiration to Highlands resident Ted Scholtes of Thrift Warehouse fame. Scholtes sold his house and used the money to build an 8,000-square-foot warehouse, taking household articles such as furniture, which could not be taken by the 4Cs. SIRCH Community Services and TPS Haliburton Holdings are now partners. SIRCH manages the warehouse and provides staffing.

Among the listed items that cannot be addressed at the upcoming Repair Cafés: broken zippers, gas-powered engines, items containing hazardous waste such as gas, oil, chemicals and pesticides, large furniture, large kitchen appliances and single serve coffee machines made by Keurig and Nespresso.

Repairs are not guaranteed. Fixers are entitled to refuse to repair items.

Nothing to repair and cannot help someone repair?

This event is also for you, Varga said.

The event is open to people just interested in enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and being immersed in a supportive atmosphere.

"It's not just a fixer shop. The idea is to involve people in the process of fixing. Have them learn how to do it themselves. Really, what we hope is the people walk in and sit down with their item and fix it themselves, or collaborate and fix, or if they can't do anything, sit and watch and at least share coffee and doughnuts and a positive conversation and get to know your neighbour. There's a real strong social aspect to it. You develop close relationships. You find a common bond," he said.

Varga said he is also looking for people in need of materials, who can repurpose things that can't be repaired. This can include upcycle artists.

"We don't just fix. We also want to showcase ... upcycling. Maybe something can't be fixed, but they can turn it into something else of use," he said.

Organizers are encouraging participants to come early to avoid any lines and that registration closes one hour before the end of the session.

Those interested in being a fixer volunteer can complete a volunteer application form at www.sirch.on.ca/repaircafe or contact SIRCH by phoning 705-457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca.



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Council hears proposal for shooting range

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Members of Highlands East council heard about a proposal for a private club and shooting range just outside Cardiff during a Dec. 10 meeting.

The facility, to be called Off Trail Odysseys, would be located on a 200-acre property in the area of Hudson Lake. The property owner is requesting rezoning to permit the gun range, and the property would also include accommodations, which customers could choose to rent. Because it involves firearms, those activities would be regulated under the federal Firearms Act.

"This is not war games, this is not paintball," township planning consultant Chris Jones told councillors, explaining customers wouldn't be running around the property with guns, but rather shooting at fixed targets. "It's not hunting, per se, it's firearms use, firearms training."

Jones said that zoning and a site control plan would dictate where on the property those activities could take place.

Councillor Cec Ryall had concerns about public safety.

"Long rifles can be an issue," Ryall said, noting they can shoot bullets for a number of miles. "Do you know if long rifles are included?"

"My understanding is yes," Jones said, adding he believed any firearms that were legal under federal law would be permitted at the site.

"I have serious concerns with the noise associated with this proposal," said Councillor Suzanne Partridge, explaining she thought the sound of gunfire would be a nuisance to residents in the area.

The shooting range itself would be located in a ravine on the property, Jones said. Jones said he could arrange a site visit and walk-through for members of council, in which they were interested.

Councillor Cam McKenzie, who has a military background and has been a recreational shooter for 40 years, said the federal government has "very strict regulation on range approvals," especially civilian ones. McKenzie noted there is not much to be done about noise, but noted the shooting range in Bancroft is in the town of Bancroft itself.

Councillors agreed to move to a public meeting on the proposed facility. Partridge said she would like to wait to hold that public meeting until a time when seasonal residents are in the area and other members agreed with that. They passed a resolution noting a public meeting would be scheduled for a future date.



Chris Jones, planning consultant for Highlands East, explains a proposal for a shooting range near Cardiff to members of council during their Dec. 10 meeting. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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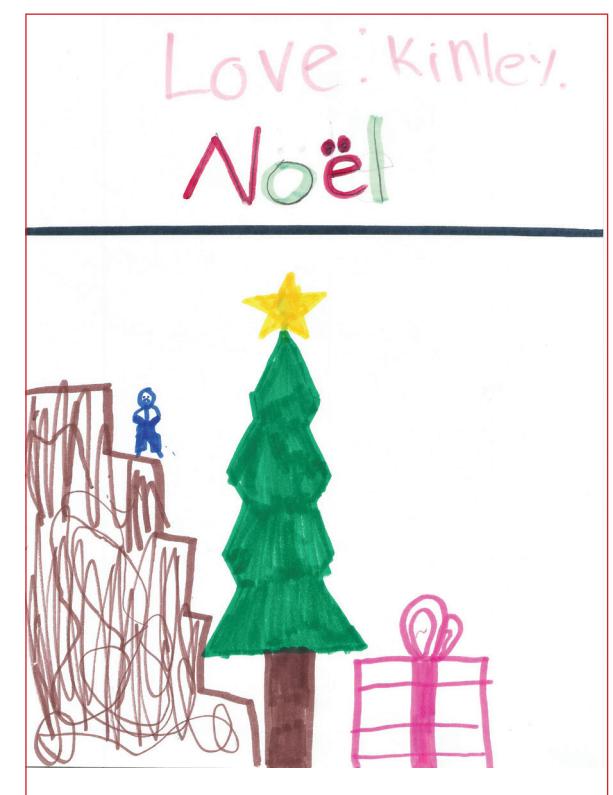
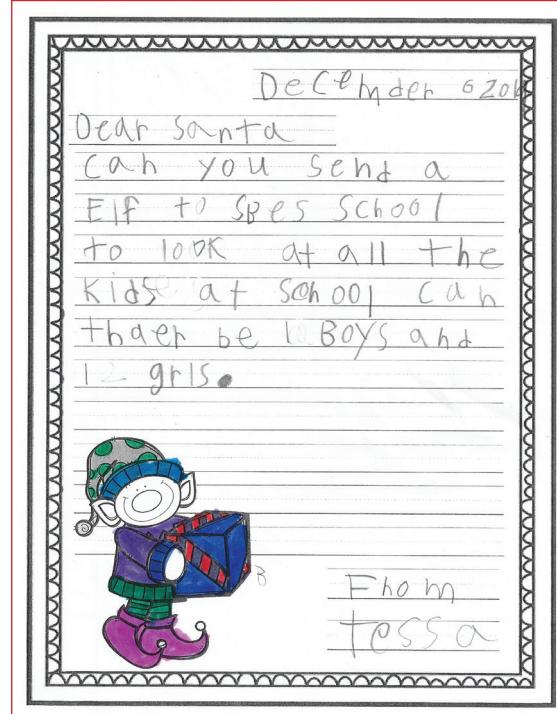
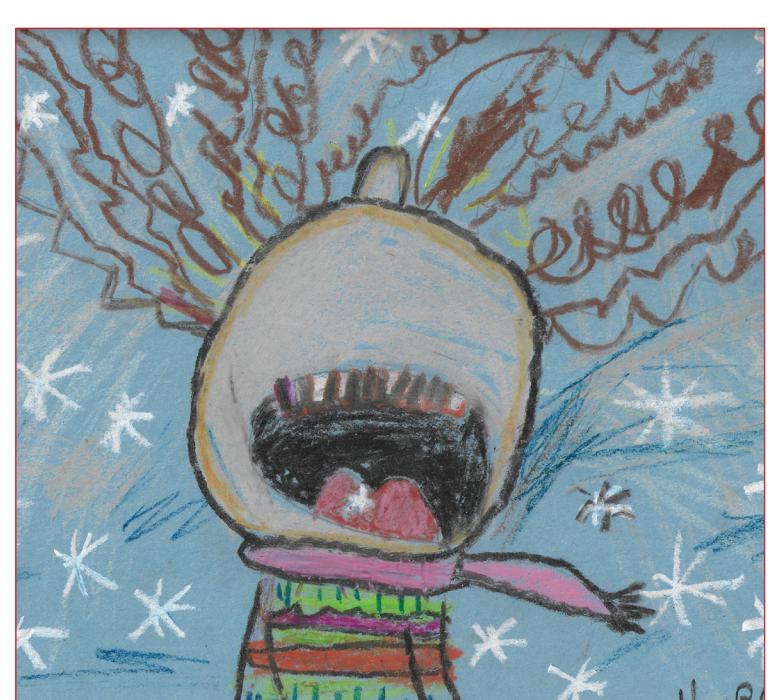
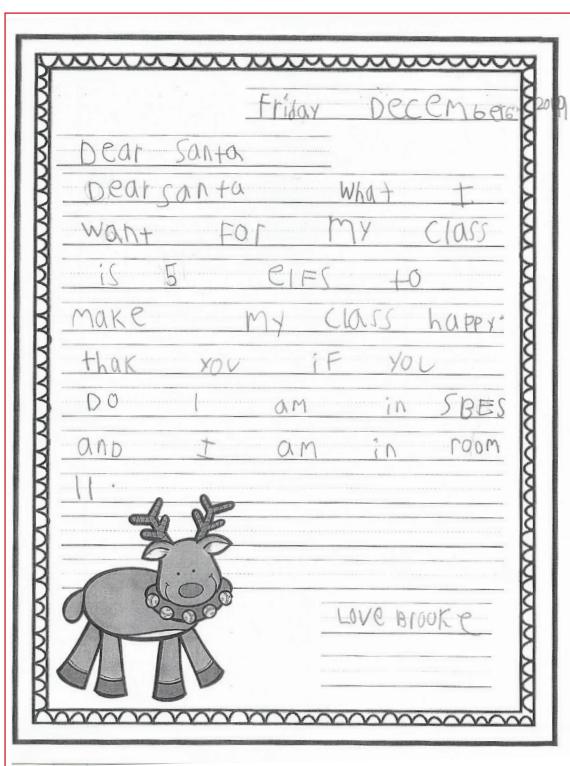
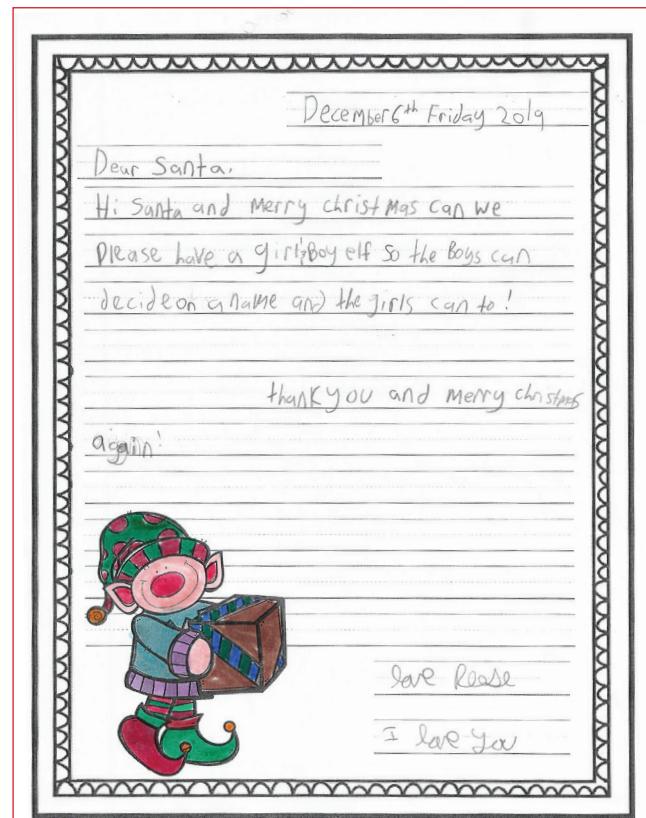
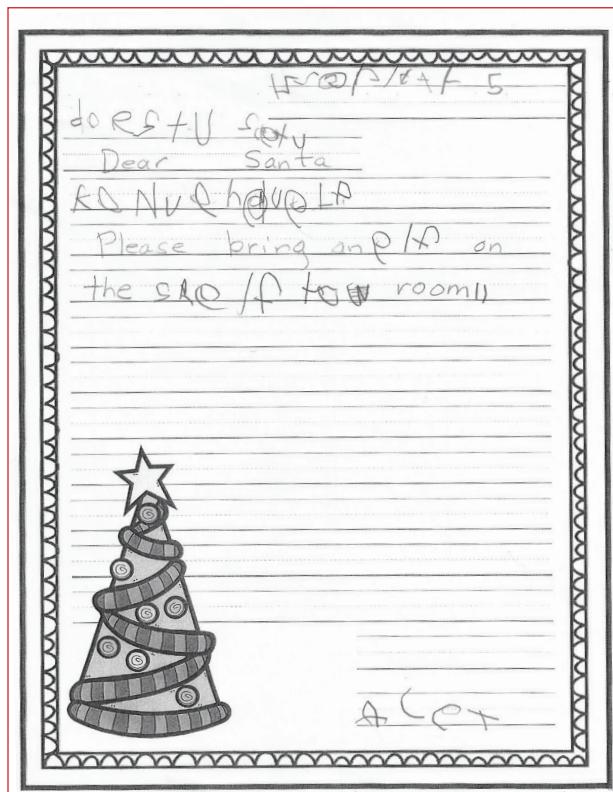
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Hawks learn about team depth in loss to Spartans

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There were plenty of lessons learned by the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team in the home loss to the visiting undefeated Spartans of Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Although the Hawks lost 50-36 to drop to 1-2 on the season against the now 3-0 Spartans, their coach Paul Longo loved the effort he saw and sees potential for improvement.

He said the score belies how close the game could have been had their open shots fallen for points.

They had their looks and were competitive despite an off night shooting.

"It's only a 14-point game. I mean it's still a tight game. We get it down to a single-digit game anything can happen," he said. "These guys know there is no lead that is safe the way guys can shoot threes now."

Among his players who can hit from deep is Holden Dupret Smith, who he believes can boost their offence when he gets hot.

"Overall, I'm pretty happy with the effort tonight," he said.

The Hawks started well, winning the first quarter 13-11. They followed up the second with just seven, but kept the Spartans to 12 and were only down by a possession, losing 23-20.

A third quarter scoring barrage by the visiting Spartans left the senior Red Hawks down by a 16-point deficit. It could have been worse, but Longo went to his bench for a boost.

Longo said his group of five, which included Brenden Newhook, Tyler Martin, James Alexander, Ethan Glecoff and Teo O'Malley, brought great energy, excellent ball movement for open looks, and helped to slow the Spartans in the third after a Spartans 9-0 run.

"Man, did they stabilize everything and settled everything down and really played a strong quarter to keep us in it," he said.

In the fourth quarter, his starting five for the game "showed a little grit. They realized they didn't play the way they can in the first few minutes of that third quarter, but I thought those five guys showed me something and showed themselves something too," he said. "Overall, a pretty solid effort. I think we can play with that team right to the bitter end. We see them again in February. So, again, AA schools, I try to get all my guys in against AA schools to give them that learning experience. Our hope is even against A teams all 15 guys need to be ready to go."

The way his team performed was a reminder about the quality of his entire roster, which has impressed coach Longo.

"Whether we go five on or five off, which we do sometimes, whether we sub one here or a couple guys at a time, I can look down [that bench and call anyone]," he said.

Longo was impressed by a few players in this game such as Martin, who has battled a knee injury, Carson Phillips, who drew a few charging calls, Newhook and Alexander, both effective in moving the ball and settled things when needed, Glecoff moving the ball, and Kyle Davis, finishing with a few rebounds.

Longo said his point guard Brian Kim didn't see much of the third quarter due to foul trouble, amassing four fouls in the first half.

His absence was apparent. Kim was instrumental in the first half score, as he was active on both ends in the first half, driving and finding the open man under the basket or in the open court when he drew double-teams and then pressuring the opposing team's guard, forcing turnovers.

Kim's back court teammate Camden Marra is also integral to the team, Longo added.

"Those two guys are pillars on the defence end. Our defence starts with those two guys and they're speedy and they're quick and they move their feet," he said.

That said, he adds, the two players are not only integral to the defence, but are an important offensively.

Fifth year Spartans player Greg Walling left his stamp on the game, scoring 22 points to lead all players while Hawks player Dupret-Smith scored seven to lead the red and white. Along with Walling's scoring, his presence in the paint (and equally big teammates) was felt on both ends of the court in grabbing boards and blocks. Having big man Joe Boice out of the lineup for personal reasons didn't help the Hawks, as he would have provided some size in the paint to bang against Walling.



Above, LCVI Spartans player Tom Walling blocks Red Hawks player Ryan Mee.

Left, Red Hawks player James Alexander dishes the ball, midflight during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 50-36 and were led in scoring by Holden Dupret-Smith with seven points while opposing player, Tom Walling led all players with 22 points./DARREN LUM Staff



Flanked by LCVI Spartans players Vasi Varatharasa and Matt Brown, Red Hawks player Tevan Sullivan rises for a floater.

Longo acknowledged the physical disparity, but pointed out rebounding is a team effort.

"Everybody needs to rebound. It's a team concept and rebounding starts with boxing out your man and not letting them get in there. So with Tom Walling, he's a very strong player for LCVI. Our job on him was to try and not let him shoot and keep the ball out of his hands so and then when he did get it we tried to double-team and he got some points, I thought we did a good job on him," he said.

The game is being chalked up to a learning experience towards the goal of post-season success against A schools.

"We're always playing for mid-February when we go single A [championship]. With these guys, 11 Grade 11s, we're also playing for next February. You know, we're trying to keep these guys together right to the bitter end. I think we can have some real good success, both this year and certainly next year," he said.

Hawks unable to rise above Spartans

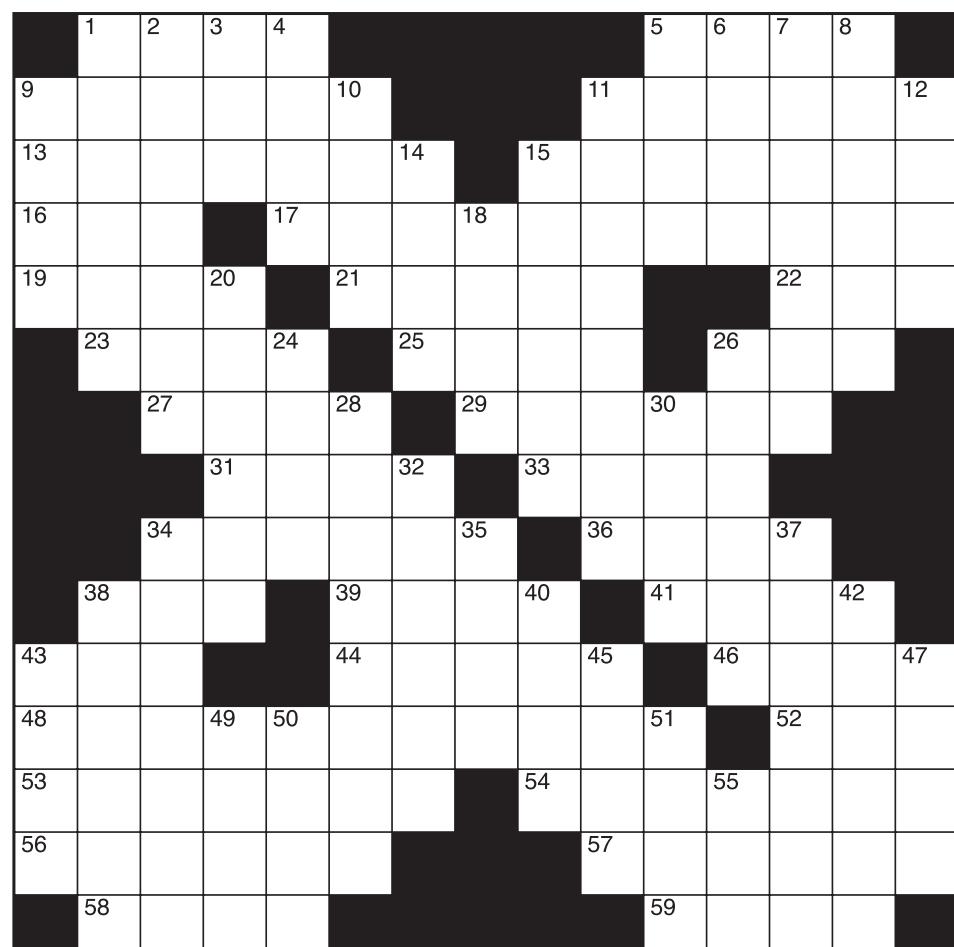
Red Hawks junior player Colin Glecoff dribbles from LCVI Spartans defenders during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Spartans spoiled the Hawks' home game, winning 63-29. Glecoff scored five points for the Hawks, who were led by point guard Jackson Wilson 12 points. /DARREN LUM Staff

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- Taken illegally
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- State capital
- One with supernatural insight
- Starts all over again
- Jai alai arena
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- Freestanding structure
- The ideal place
- The extended location of something
- Made level
- Distinctive smell
- Greek goddess of discord
- Got older
- Type of monkey
- Travels to
- Geological times
- Edge

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Red Hawks junior player Ezra Hill works through traffic during Kawartha High School Basketball League action against the LCVI Spartans on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Alina Clement sits on Santa's knee at the Haliburton Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party on Dec. 6 at the Legion. The evening featured kids' games, pizza, a draw for turkeys, and skating at the arena, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton. /JENN WATT Staff



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Four large tables of toys and crafts were set up in the Legion by Brandon Stamp for kids to play and create during the Haliburton Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party on Dec. 6.

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Madelyn Hutson paints a craft at one of four tables set up by Brandon Stamp with all kinds of fun games for kids at the Rotary party at the Legion. The hall was packed with families and Christmas spirit for the annual event, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton.



Six turkeys were given out at the Rotary Christmas and Skating Party on Friday night. Winners gathered on the stage at the Legion for a group photo. On left, David Zilstra of the Rotary Club announced the winners. /JENN WATT Staff

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Thank you Kristen and Andrea of the Municipality of Dysart. A special thank you to Paul Longo and those students from the H.H.H.S. class who volunteered.

Thank you to our own Cadet Corps 1129 for poppy distribution and serving at the Remembrance Day dinner.

Most of all, thank you to all who donated. We deposited \$17,767.00 and our current balance in the Poppy Trust Funds is \$24,355.00.

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Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve
 St. George's - Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm
 St. George's - Carol Singing 9:45 pm
 Service begins at 10:00 pm
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 That tell our hearts are broken,
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 When your precious name is spoken.
 Time cannot stop the heartache,
 Or even stop the tears,
 Or take away the memories,
 For someone we loved so dear
 Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside every day,
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear,
 If all the world were ours to give,
 We'd give it all and more,
 To see your loving face again,
 Walking through our door.

Dad and Mom

640 IN MEMORIAM

Dawson, Clifford

In memory of a dear father
 Who passed away
 December 12, 1997

"Just a memory, fond and true,
 To show we still remember you,
 Though 22 years have passed away,
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Edwin William "Ed" Pilcher
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Beloved Husband of Marlene Pilcher (nee Corby) for 59 years. Loving Father of Ted, and Jeanette. Loving Grandfather and mentor to Christopher (Dee), Alicia, Sam, Ben and Loving Great-Grandfather to Jake and Ethan.

Survived by his sister Edna (Wes) Newell and sister in law Lois Goard. Predeceased by his siblings Art and Frank. Lifelong friend and Godbrother to Fred Deforest and special uncle to Paul Pilcher. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ed worked for 32 years in the trucking industry for Hewitt and Freightmaster. He could build, fix and make anything. Ed's stories, guidance and support will be missed by all.

In accordance with Ed's wishes a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or Heat Bank would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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The Echo staff

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**Christmas Fun in Gooderham**

You can tell by their smiles that Amanda Steel and Melissa Brindle-Smith enjoyed taking part in the Gooderham school Christmas Concert last Tuesday night. The youngsters played to a packed house at the Glamorgan Community Centre. MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 18

Don't feed deer, MNR advises

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With the early and abundant arrival of snow, many people are concerned about the ability of deer to find food and shelter.

And while the Ministry of Natural Resources is stockpiling food in case the situation worsens, it says feeding the deer now will only make the people feel better and have no real benefit for the deer.

Nature has given deer a few ways of coping with the hardships of winter, and humans

might be undoing some of them if they feed the deer too early in the season.

One of those ways is a lowering of their metabolism, which makes their bodies use up their stores of fat at a slower rate. If people feed them a high energy food such as corn, "it keeps their metabolism high so they burn fat stores faster," says MNR biologist Dana Kinsman.

Other potential dangers include drawing deer out of their natural cover and onto roadways and snowmobile trails, where they could get hit,

as well as building a dependency on an artificial food source. What if people feed the deer one year and go to Florida the next? The deer can't follow them south but they will expect the food to keep miraculously appearing.

"Feeding deer is like feeding birds," says the MNR's Peter Hynard. "People put out feeders for people reasons - they like to watch the birds. Feeding deer makes us feel good."

Instead of feeding the deer, MNR crews are creating trails

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Sewer line gets go-ahead as MOE rejects request for new study

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The municipality of Dysart et al has been given clearance by the province to go ahead as planned with the sewer line along the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog.

Ontario's Environment Minister turned down last week a Haliburton motel owner's request to "bump up" the project to an individual environmental study.

In August, Lakeview Motel owners John and Ennis Felts asked the province to review the user-pay method of financing the municipality has proposed to cover its 25 per cent share of the line's \$5.4-million cost. (The province is to pay the remainder of the bill.)

While the couple believes the lake should be cleaned up, they feel everyone who benefits from its water quality being improved should help cover the costs.

The Ministry was supposed to rule on the bump-up request by the end of October, but extended the deadline twice before finally making a decision on Dec. 15.

In a letter Mr. and Mrs. Felts received last Monday, Environment Minister Brenda Elliott says she has concluded the couple's financing concerns would not be addressed by an individual environmental assessment.

"I feel the issue of financing is a local concern which is best addressed by municipal council," she wrote.

Mr. Felts, who has said his business would have difficulty affording the estimated \$40,000 it would cost to hook up to the line, said he was disappointed

by the minister's decision.

Though the Mr. and Mrs. Felts were the only residents to formally request the sewer line project be reviewed, a number of other nearby property owners wrote to the Ministry to object to it.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey said he had little doubt the Ministry would give the sewer line extension the go ahead.

The municipality will tender the project, originally scheduled for a fall start, in the new year and hopes to begin construction as soon as the ground thaws in the spring.

Individual property owners will be charged between \$3,500 and \$3,800 to pay for the line's installation.

On top of that, they will have to pay a hook-up charge estimated by the municipality to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to connect their homes and cottages to the line. Some will need to pay for pumps to move the waste to the sewer line.

Resorts, lodges and other businesses will be assessed for the sewage output they contribute to the system and assigned an equivalent number of residential units (ERUs). The number of ERUs is then multiplied by the base hook-up charge to find the total fee.

The municipality plans to offer property owners the opportunity to finance the cost of hooking up to the line over periods of 10, 15 and 20 years at an interest rate of about 10 per cent.

Reeve Fearrey has said the municipality will eventually extend a similar sewer line along the south shore of Lake Kashagawigamog.

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